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The selections are all of interest to the student of the Old Testament, and the translations are on a level with the best standards of today. The book deserves a large circulation. Indeed, there is no other book on the subject which is so full, so thorough, and so sane.

DAVID G. LYON.

CAMBRIDGE.

**THE SERMON: ITS CONSTRUCTION AND DELIVERY.** By DAVID JAMES BURRELL. Fleming H. Revell Co. 1913. Pp. 329.

The value of Dr. Burrell's book is in its frank disclosure of the methods of his own effective preaching. It is filled with concrete advice, very practical and useful, and enforced with homely and amusing illustration. It deals with texts and topics, the making of outlines, the "exordium," the "argument," the "peroration," and the delivery of the sermon, with counsels on getting attention and on sermon-power. The writer has little patience with manuscript in the pulpit, and no patience with liberal theology. The book is a prescription for a sturdily orthodox sermon, spoken without notes, scriptural, evangelistic, intended mainly to convert sinners, full of anecdote and apt quotation, admirably ordered, and punctually terminated at the end. Sermons grow like trees by processes mysterious and indefinable; but they need correctives and assistances such as are given to the trees by fertilizing and spraying and pruning. For such care of sermons Dr. Burrell gives plain and profitable directions.

GEORGE HODGES.

CAMBRIDGE.

**THE PULPIT AND THE PEW.** CHARLES H. PARKHURST, D.D. Lyman Beecher Lectures delivered, 1913, before the Divinity School of Yale University. Yale University Press. 1913. Pp. 195. \$1.50.

These eight lectures are not long, and they certainly are not dull. When spoken, they must have been effective, and the force is not lost in the reading. Colloquial language and illustrations abound, and some of these are apt to linger in the mind.

The lecturer is clear that the church has a work to do which no other institution is prepared to perform. He has not an exalted idea of the educational value of either the press or the stage. But the church of the twentieth century has for its duty the task of Elijah and Jeremiah: "To take eternal principle, and to measure existing conditions and institutions against that principle as stand-